

MANUFACTURE FOR CUSTOMIZING AN ELECTRONIC INTERFACE TO THE GOVERNMENT--.

G¹ On page 1, line 3 please insert --This application is a continuation of co-pending United States Patent Application entitled A SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR AN ELECTRONIC COMMERCE INTERFACE TO THE GOVERNMENT, Application No. 09/258,714 filed February 26, 1999.--.

G² On page 1, lines 5-6, after "The invention relates to" please delete "education systems and more particularly to government regulatory information" and insert --graphical user interfaces and more particularly to customization of a government-related graphical user interface --.

On page 1, lines 17-25, please delete "According to a broad aspect of a preferred embodiment of the invention, a system provides access to the Internet, particularly by businesses, to input information electronically in compliance with various statutory requirements to provide government reporting of taxable events, licenses, permits, employee information, legal information, OSHA and other regulatory events to the government. Then, the information is encrypted with a certificate to ensure its authenticity and confidentiality. This information is transmitted over the Internet to a government office for further processing by an appropriate government entity. The service is offered as a subscription service in selected states where the number of businesses is sufficient to ensure profitable revenues at the anticipated levels of market penetration." and insert

G³ -- A system, method and article of manufacture are provided for customizing a graphical user interface to a government system. A classification of a user accessing a graphical user interface to a government system is determined utilizing a network. Based on the classification, content available for display to the user is limited. Regional content is selected for display on the graphical user interface based on the classification of the user. The user is then allowed to customize a portion of the content available for display.

In an aspect of the present invention, the content may include links to at least one of services and information. In another aspect of the present invention, the portion of the information

about the user may be demographic data. In a further aspect of the present invention, the content may include links to other web sites within the context of the government system.

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In an embodiment of the present invention, processing of billing for transactions may be tracked so that a summary of the processing of the billing may be subsequently displayed. In another embodiment of the present invention, communication with existing business software on a system of the user may occur so that the user is allowed to access both the graphical user interface and the existing business software on the system of the user. In a further embodiment of the present invention, a mechanism may be provided for the user to access historical transactions.--.

On page 77, lines 1-2, please delete "A SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR AN ELECTRONIC COMMERCE INTERFACE TO THE GOVERNMENT" and insert ~~SYSTEM, METHOD, AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR CUSTOMIZING AN ELECTRONIC INTERFACE TO THE GOVERNMENT--.~~

On page 77, lines 5-15, please delete "A system is disclosed that provides access to the Internet, particularly by businesses, to transact business electronically to comply with various statutory requirements to report taxable revenues, new hires and taxes withheld on behalf of their employees regularly to the government. Today, businesses fulfill these requirements by physically submitting forms by mail or in person to a government agency, a time consuming process that, according to analysts, costs them over \$600 billion annually. There is a business need and a market opportunity for an electronic conduit for business to government transactions. The new system is Internet based and provides a suite of transactional and information based services to businesses. The service is offered as a subscription service in selected states where the number of businesses is sufficient to ensure profitable revenues at the anticipated levels of market penetration." and insert

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